

Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Auburn Arts Commission

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Date: August 22, 2011

Subject: Airport Monument

The Issue

Shall the Auburn City Council approve the placement of a monument honoring World War II aviators on city own property next to Wings Restaurant.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Approve the placement of a monument honoring World War II aviators on city own property next to Wings Restaurant.

Background

The monument will be to honor all aviators from WW II, but with special mention of "Bud" Anderson, triple-ace in the ETO, and Fran Ferry, who earned the Navy Cross in the sinking of the IJN ship Yamato, the largest battleship ever constructed. The city will not be asked to participate in paying for the monument, but it will be erected on city owned property next to Wings Restaurant. The monument will be paid for by private subscription. The artist is Frank Ordaz, who has a studio on Lincoln Way near the Auburn Promenade. He will be working with one of Doug Van Howd's assistants in fabricating the piece.

Alternatives Available to Council:

The alternative would be to not approve the placement of the monument at the airport.

Fiscal Impact

The city will not be asked to participate in paying for the monument. It will be paid for by private subscription.

